The Mysore Dasara Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition, 1909.

NOTICE.

The Weaving Competition.

In connection with the Exhibition of 1909, a Weaving Competition will be held in the Exhibition premises, Mysore. The following rules regulating the competition are published for the information of intending competitors :—

SECTION I.

1. The competition will commence on Tuesday 26th October, and will be continued for three days. Definite time of commencement will be given in the programme to be published hereafter.

2. Weavers will be required to work for 7 hours a day, from 8 to 11 A.M. and 1 to 5 P.M.

3. Any kind of hand-loom—indigenous or improved or foreign—may be entered for the competition.

4. Competitors will be allowed to fix the warps on the looms beforehand and to weave a length not exceeding two yards before the competition commences.

5. The competitors will be allowed to compete in one of the following five tests (*a*) to (*e*).

Test (*f*) is open only to boys under 18 years of age.

(*a*) To weave panches (cloths) 13½ feet long, 46 inches wide, with ½-inch cotton hem and cross border equally wide, with 20's warp 48 ends per inch and 20's weft 48 picks per inch.

(*b*) To weave panches (cloths) 9 feet long and 46 inches wide, of borders as above with 40's warp 60 ends per inch and 40's weft 56 picks per inch.

(*c*) To weave panches (cloths) with ½-inch silk hem and 2 inches cross border, 10½ feet long and 54 inches wide, with 60's warp 72 ends per inch and 60's weft 72 picks per inch.

(*d*) To weave a cloth 54 inches wide with 100's warp 80 ends per inch and 100's weft with 80 picks per inch.

(*e*) Silk muslin pieces with lace border. Looms must have fly-shuttle attachments. The design and quality of the silk to be at the option of the competitor.

(*f*) To weave a piece of check 32 inches wide, of the pattern to be given at the time of the competition. This must be woven on pit or frame fly-shuttle looms. Reeds with 24 dents per inch to be used and yarn 30's double black and white.

6. Competitors must use warps supplied by the Exhibition authority. Intending competitors should therefore inform the Secretary at least one month before the competition, the class or classes in which they wish to compete. They must piece the warps in the Exhibition grounds and must report the time when the work was commenced and finished. They must arrange to bring their own pirns.

7. In awarding prizes, the judges will note the following points :—

(*a*) The work done—

(i) The length of the cloth woven during the whole period.

(ii) Uniformity of picking and adhesion to specification.

(iii) Freedom from broken ends.

(iv) Clean edges.

(*b*) The time taken for piecing up the work and getting it ready for weaving or mounting up the loom.

(*c*) Adaptability of the loom—

(i) Whether the loom is suited for weaving different kinds of cloth using different counts of yarn.

(ii) Whether the loom can be worked profitably by weavers in their houses or is only useful for factory work.

(*d*) Mechanism of the loom—

(i) Soundness and proper proportion of its parts.

(ii) Simplicity in mechanism so as to be capable of being easily repaired when out of order.

(iii) The position in which the weaver has to hold his body while working and the ease with which he can work the loom.

8. Several medals including one gold medal will be awarded to the looms that are considered by the judges to do the best kind of work. Besides these, a number of first and second prizes in money will be awarded to weavers that do satisfactory work in the first five tests prescribed above. The present provision will be increased if necessary.

9. Three prizes in the shape of fly-shuttle attachments to the pit-looms will be given to the first three successful boys in test (*f*) prescribed above.

10. In case the pit indigenous looms do not earn any prize, a special prize will be given to the best among pit-loom weavers as an encouragement to them.

SECTION II.

Weaving and preparatory process.

(1) Simple process of making long warps and sizing them economically and usefully.

(2) Simple adaptation of English Dobby for hand-loom work.

11. Medals and money prizes will be awarded to the successful competitors.

12. Intending competitors must send their applications in the form appended, so as to reach the Secretary at Mysore on or before 1st September 1909.

13. Competitors will fit up their own looms in the grounds allotted from 20th October and get everything ready for competition.

G. SUBBUSWAMI AIYAR,
Secretary.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Name of applicant.....

Residence.....

Section of competition.....

Class of section (nature of test to be competed for).....

Number of looms entered.....

Names of weavers who will work the looms.....

Description of loom.....

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Ploughing Competition.

In the prize list published with the prospectus, a sum of rupees fifty has been allotted for the ploughing competition. The following particulars regarding the award of prizes are published for information :—

Indigenous as well as local and imported implements of all kinds will be admitted, the different classes of implements being allowed to compete separately.

1. *Ploughing.*—Each competitor will be required to plough completely one plot of red loamy soil measuring three guntas in an hour and a half.

2. *Ridging.*—To ridge up completely a three-gunta plot in an hour and a half.

3. *Harrowing.*—A four-gunta plot will have to be harrowed in twenty minutes.

4. *Sowing.*—A four-gunta plot to be sown in twenty minutes with a seed-drill.

5. (*a*) *Thrashing.*—A given quantity of a given kind of crop to be thrashed by cattle, stone mills, or power machines.

(*b*) *Winnowing.*—By machines of different kinds.

The number and value of prizes to be awarded will be fixed after applications for the entries are received and the various kinds of implements and machinery competing are known, and the present provision of rupees fifty will be increased if necessary. The competition will be held between the 25th and 31st October, and the details regarding the days and hours of the competition and the prizes will be intimated to the applicants on or about the 1st October.

Those who wish to enter for these competitions are requested to submit their applications in the accompanying form through the $\frac{\text{Amildar}}{\text{Tahsildar}}$ of their taluk so as to reach the undersigned not later than the 1st October 1909, at Mysore.

G. SUBBUSWAMI AIYAR,
Secretary.

APPLICATION FORM.

Name and address of the competitor	Name, kind and value of the agricultural implements which the competitor proposes to enter for the competition	Events for which the applicant wishes to compete	Remarks of the Amildar or Tahsildar of the Taluk

N.B.—All the agricultural implements should be produced for the inspection of the Secretary to the Exhibition Committee at Mysore.